

Kensington Around Town

JUNE 2017



The 22nd Annual Bike Parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at St. Paul Park. The Bike Parade begins at 10 am and the Town asks that those wishing to participate begin lining up by 9:45 am. This event is open to all kids, and those young at heart, that wish to decorate their bike, scooter, wagon or stroller and follow a Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) fire truck through the streets of Kensington.

The Town would like to thank Mark Hudson, McEneaney Associate Realtors, for his continued coordination and sponsorship of this event.

www.MarkHudsonGroup.com

2017 Town Election

COUNCIL (two positions)

Darin R. Bartram	210
Conor D. Crimmins	233
Tom H. Rodriguez	207

There were a total of 358 ballots cast, including 33 absentee ballots, which represents a 24 percent voter turnout by the Town's Residents.



This July 1st will mark the one year anniversary since I was sworn in as the Mayor of Kensington, and I would like to thank everyone for the support that I have received during this time. I never imagined what a rewarding experience serving as your Mayor would become, and I am excited about the great things that have happened over the last year and what is on the horizon. *Continued on Page 2 . . .*



CALENDAR

Town Offices Closed

Tues., July 4th
Independence Day
(Trash Collection Info Page 6)

22nd Annual 4th of July Bike Parade

Tues., July 4th, 10:00 am
St. Paul Park

FIREWORKS

Tues., July 4th
7:30 pm—10:00 pm
Mid-County Sparkles
Albert Einstein High School
(Info Page 6)

Town Organizational Meeting

Mon., July 10th, 6:30 pm

Town Council Meeting
Mon., July 10th, 7:00 pm

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4th of July Trash Schedule Information on Page 6; Bulk Collection Information Enclosed.

MAYOR TRACEY CONTINUED

Town Permits

10531 Metropolitan Avenue

Verizon

10426 Fawcett Street

Sign

10409 Mannakee Street

Addition

3908 Baltimore Street

Dumpster

Building Permits—*Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit for any exterior or interior structural changes are needed, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff with any questions.*

We have seen the addition of two new restaurants, The Dish & Dram, along with Crisp and Juicy; a new women's clothing store, Oak; and several new boutiques within Antique Village. By year's end we will have a new Animal Hospital, Hair Salon (Sweet HairAfter), Hardware Store (Strosnidars), and Coffee Shop (Car Wash Coffee); and with our first redevelopment project, Solera Senior Living, taking shape, we have many great things to look forward to.

Our business community has also remained active with the newly developed Kensington Can!, organizers of the Paper Airplane event at St. Paul Park last month, and they also continue to support our Food Truck Nights along Armory Avenue on the first and third Thursday of the month.

We have recently seen the installation of the fountain at Flinn Park, and I am grateful to everyone who supported this project and especially thankful to Mark Hudson, McEneaney Associate Realtors, for overseeing the project. I hope to announce a formal dedication of the fountain in the near future.

As I had the opportunity to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Kensington Historical Society last week, it allowed me the opportunity to reflect on how great our Town really is, but I am also looking forward to the year ahead, where we plan to redesign our Town's website; publish a 2017 Town Directory; amend a number of our Town's regulations pertaining to animals, fences, and signs; and continue to push for responsible redevelopment and growth within our community.

MAYOR

Tracey Furman

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COUNCIL

Sean McMullen

(Mayor Pro-Tem)

Darin Bartram

Tom Rodriguez

Duane Rollins

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Jason Swain, Crew Chief

Jamie Simms, Joe Natali and

Rick Moten, Public Works

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Summary from the June 1, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting

- Approved Resolution No. R-09-2017 - A Resolution confirming the appointment of Clifford Scharman to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

June 1, 2017—Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, Rodriguez, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Resolution No. R-09-2017 –A Resolution confirming the appointment of Clifford Scharman to the Board of Supervisors of Elections was presented.

Mayor Furman stated that Jenny Smith had to resign from the Board of Supervisors of Elections for personal reasons. See Council Actions.

Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-09-2017 – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Clifford Scharman to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 6:32 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Summary from the May 8, 2017 Town Council Meeting

- Announced the Candidates for the June 5, 2017 Town Election: Darin Bartram; Conor Crimmins; and Tom Rodriguez for the two Council seats.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2017.

- Approved the purchase and installation of up to three (3) picnic tables within the public right-of-way at the Kensington Shopping Center and adjacent to Howard Avenue.
- Adopted Ordinance No. O-01-2017 - An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council adopting the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town.
- Approved Resolution No. R-07-2017 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council extending the contract with Maier Warner Public Relations, LLC, and to serve as the marketing and public relations representative for the Town.
- Approved Resolution No. R-08-2017 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council revising the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montgomery County and the Town of Kensington concerning the Speed Monitoring System along Connecticut Avenue.

May 8th—Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, Rodriguez, and Rollins, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2017 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council

The Mayor reported that Strosniders Hardware has signed a lease with the Kensington Shopping Center and hopes to open early November; thanked Mario Bruno for a successful Car Show and for donating \$8,530 to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation; thanked Eli Sola-Sole for another successful Day of the Book Festival; announced that the

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Victorian Room Committee met and decided to sell the existing furniture with proceeds benefiting either Noyes Library or the Kensington Women's Club; and noted that Noyes Library did not receive the State's matching grant this year.

The Mayor announced the Candidates for the 2017 Town Election: Darin Bartram, Conor Crimmins, and Tom Rodriguez. The Candidates Forum will be held on Monday May 22nd, 7 pm, and moderated by Rob Sachs, and the Election will be held on Monday, June 5th, 6 pm – 9 pm. Absentee ballots are available.

Council Member Bartram reported he attended the following events: Kensington Car Show; Day of the Book Festival; the 15th Anniversary for the Kensington list serv; and the Kensington Historical Society's presentation on Rockville Pike.

Council Member McMullen reported that the next Traffic Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, 7 pm, and that they will review a request for speed humps on Wheatley Street; consider establishing speed hump parameters; and consider residential permit parking along the 10200 block of Kensington Parkway.

Council Member Rodriguez reported that the Flinn Park fountain has been installed and the new brick walkway will be completed soon. He thanked Mark Hudson and the Fountain Committee for all of their work on the project and noted that the Fountain sub-Committee hired landscape architect Rasma Plato to design the herringbone style. Mr. Rodriguez noted that the Events Committee met on April 4th and is looking for a few more volunteers.

Council Member Rollins reported that the Kensington Business District Association (KBDA) Board of Directors met, and noted that they were influential in starting a number

of events, to include: the Kensington Car Show; Fall Festival; and Food Truck Night. The KBDA will be working with Eli Sola-Sole on providing banners for the Howard Avenue lamp poles.

The Mayor and Council discussed a request by the Kensington Shopping Center to place picnic tables within the public right-of-way adjacent to Howard Avenue. Neil Burka, owner of the property, stated that the benches would be used to accommodate outdoor seating, as Carmen's Italian Ice will be present Thursdays through Sundays over the summer.

Assistant Town Manager Hoffman referenced the Town's Design Guideline requirements for street furnishings, and noted that the picnic tables would cost between \$1,700 and \$2,600 each, depending on the size of the table.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Design Guideline requirements and cost of the picnic tables. See Council Actions.

Sandy Wasden suggested a combination of different sized picnic tables.

From the Public

Jack Gaffey thanked the Coordinators and volunteers associated with the successful Kensington Car Show and Day of the Book Festival, and noted that the traffic signal at Connecticut and Knowles Avenues are not synchronized with Plyers Mill.

Conor Crimmins stated that the Events Committee discussed the aesthetics along Armory and Howard Avenues, including the benches and trash cans, which are in need of painting and repair; spoke in support of the landscaping at St. Paul Park; and asked if the Candidates forum would be broadcast on Facebook live.

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Town Manager Daily stated that he was currently reviewing pricing proposals for the furnishings along Howard Avenue.

Council Member Bartram confirmed that the Candidates forum would be broadcast on Facebook.

Joseph Campbell suggested that Candidates include a 100 word bio within the Around Town Journal and asked that they each identify their party affiliation.

Council concurred that the Around Town Journal was not appropriate for campaign information and should remain independent. The Council also agreed that identifying political affiliation was not appropriate for a non-partisan position.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of Town elected positions being non-partisan.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations

Ordinance No. O-01-2017 – An Ordinance adopting the Town's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18) and levying a tax on all assessable property within the Town was adopted. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-07-2017 – A Resolution extending the contract with Maier Warner Public Relations, LLC, to serve as the marketing and public relations representative for the Town was presented.

Council Member Rodriguez noted that he has received very positive feedback from our business community about Maier Warner and their efforts to help promote the Town.

Joseph Campbell questioned the type of social media currently being used and suggested that twitter and instagram be considered.

Paul Sexton suggested Maier Warner provide more outreach to non-profit organizations within the Town.

Resolution No. R-08-2017 – A Resolution to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montgomery County and the Town of Kensington concerning the speed monitoring system along Connecticut Avenue was presented.

Town Manager Daily stated that he spoke with Bonnie Kirkland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer with Montgomery County, about concerns the Town had with regards to the revised MOU. Ms. Kirkland advised that the revisions are due to new State regulations pertaining to speed monitoring systems, and that the County cannot offset the anticipated cost of the rental of the camera; however, the County will conduct a study to determine a more appropriate location for the camera.

Council Member Bartram stated that the 90 day withdrawal clause within the MOU should be enough to move forward with the agreement. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Council Actions

Council Member Rollins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,000 for picnic tables to be located within the right of way adjacent to Howard Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2017 for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (FY18). The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Rollins moved to approve Resolution R-07-2017 to extend the contract with Maier Warner Public Relations, LLC, to serve as marketing and public relations representatives for the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution R-08-2017 to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montgomery County and the Town of Kensington concerning Speed Monitoring Systems on Connecticut Avenue. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:29 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ARCHIVED MINUTES . . .

Complete Minutes, along with an audio recording from past meetings are available on the Town's website at the following link:

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/>



The Montgomery County Police would like to remind all Residents to please keep the doors to your home and vehicles locked, even when home. The surrounding community has seen an increase in stolen vehicles, mostly from those that were left un-locked.

Always report any crimes or suspicious activity to the Police. If the incident is in progress, call 911. If the incident occurred earlier, call 301-279-8000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th of July Collection Schedule

Tues., July 4th—No Collection

Wed., July 5th—Trash, Brush, and Recycling

Fri., July 7th—Trash

Tues., July 11th—Trash, Brush, and Recycling

Fri., July 14th—Trash

*Please contact the Town staff with any questions:
301-949-2424*

Free!
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY
THE 4TH of JULY 2017

MID-COUNTY SPARKLES	GERMANTOWN GLORY
7:30PM - Live Music <i>Featuring: Gringo Jingo</i>	7:00PM - Live Music <i>Featuring: Quiet Fire</i>
9:15PM - Fireworks	9:15PM - Fireworks
* Albert Einstein High School 11135 Newport Mill Road Kensington, MD	South Germantown Recreational Park 18041 Central Park Circle Boys, MD

*Shuttle bus at Westfield Wheaton Plaza North building lot. Handicap parking only available at Einstein HS.

Raindate for Both Events is July 5

Food Vendors on Site

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 311 OR VISIT MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/REC

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Kensington Historical Society's Summer Concert Series

10:00 am—11:00 am Howard Avenue Park

June 24th ~ Scrub Pines

July 1st ~ TBA

July 8th ~ Rita Clarke & the Naturals

July 15th ~ Blue Book Value

July 22nd ~ Ruthie Logsdon & Greg Hardin

July 29th ~ 2nd Story Band

Aug. 5th ~ Sisters Uke & Friends

Aug. 12th ~ Ellen Cherry

Aug. 19th ~ Ester Haynes & Keith Grimes

Aug. 26th ~ Silver Strings

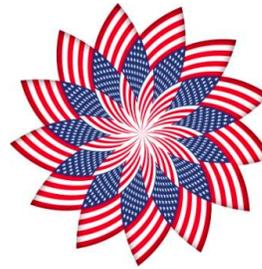
Sept. 2nd ~ TBA

The Summer Concert Series' complete schedule may be found on the Kensington Historical Society's website:

www.KensingtonHistory.org



Columbia Country Club's Annual Independence Day Celebration is being held on Tuesday, June 27th, 2017. The fireworks display will begin at dusk. A rain date of Wednesday, June 28th has been set.



**The 50th Annual
Kensington Labor
Day Parade and
Festival** will be held on Monday, September 4, 2017. The day starts off with the Parade traveling down Connecticut Avenue from St. Paul Park toward Town Hall, which features local marching bands from area schools; equestrian show groups; dance groups; floats, schools, non-profits, and businesses; and local, state, elected officials. But this is just the beginning!

As the Parade moves towards Town Hall, Armory and Howard Avenues come alive with the captivating and exquisite aroma of your favorite and newly discovered foods, along with diverse vendors, games and activities for children of all ages.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact Lisa and Victoria to volunteer for the Labor Day Parade and Festival.

LaborDay@tok.md.gov





Local and regional vendors offer fresh baked goods, seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic meats, seafood, cheese, artisan breads, olive oil and prepared foods.

Kensington Farmers Market
Open every Saturday year-round, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kensington Train Station

Kensington Around Town June 2017

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To: